

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been amended to correct the numbering format of the claims in the amendment to the claims herein. A copy of the claims as amended is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience in the attached Appendix A.

The Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement between:

Group I, claims 1-20; and

Group II, claims 21-28.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-20, without traverse and without prejudice or disclaimer of any claimed subject matter. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

In a telephone conference with the undersigned attorney, the Examiner has confirmed that Subgroup 1 should be considered as "a general molecular property-based binding interaction" and that Applicants should elect one species thereof selected from:

charge-charge interactions;

dipole-charge interactions;

dipole-dipole interactions; and

hydrophobic interactions.

Applicants elect the species of Subgroup 1 of charge-charge interactions. The claims readable on this species include claims 1-20.

The Examiner also has requested a species election of Subgroup 2, the type of enzyme catalyzed reaction. Applicants elect the species of kinase catalyzed reactions. Claims readable on this species include claims 1-10 and 19.

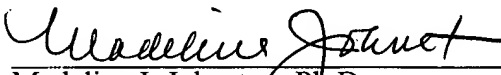
In the event that the Examiner has any questions or requires further action with respect to the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 342312000600. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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